

protocol bill in it and then sent it on its way to Final Reading. I have...30 votes are required to suspend the rules. I will tell you what the bill...it's being passed out. It's on your desk. There is some summarization as to what the bill does do. Frankly, it takes...it's got a price tag of \$80,000 which is pretty modest. It simply takes the way we handle foreign dignitaries and foreign visitors and it makes certain that there is a little protocol advisory committee consisting of a variety of people and this protocol advisory committee establishes some rules for uniform treatment of foreign dignitaries and visitors and it makes certain that Nebraska puts forward its best face as a state to the people that are over here on official business. That's all it really does.

PRESIDENT: Senator Baack, please, and then Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. President and members, I would also urge you to suspend the rules and allow this bill to be...allow this amendment to be put on LB 295A. We did hear this in the Government Committee. There was no opposition at the hearing. We had a number of letters in support. The City of Lincoln expressed a couple of concerns after we had the bill in committee which we...which I never could figure out were all that legitimate. I don't know what their problem was with it but we never heard from them again. At that point, the Government Committee went ahead and passed the bill out unanimously. And I think it's a good bill because I think it would do some good things for the State of Nebraska. I think it would really help Nebraska put their best foot forward when we do have foreign dignitaries come into Nebraska and I think that's something that's really necessary because the impression that we make on foreign visitors really does say something about our state and I don't think we've done a very good job in the past and I think we need to improve the job that we're doing with these foreign visitors. And, with that, I would urge you to suspend the rules and then adopt this amendment and pass on LB 295A.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Coordsen, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, this may not sound like a very important thing for us to do and, most certainly, it is not an expensive thing for us to do, but it is an important thing for us to do because at this point in our history we are more and more a world economy. We